<u>ABSTRACT</u>

In one embodiment, a redundant system is provided which is structured for use in association with a utility structure having an external surface configuration perimeter. The system includes an inflatable device including a body having at least one surface structured for receiving an impact of at least one descending object, the body defining at least one opening structured to receive therein at least a portion of the external surface configuration perimeter of the utility structure; and, at least one inlet operatively associated with the body of the inflatable device, the inlet being structured to receive at least one type of fluid media into the body for inflating the inflatable device.